



# Trout Unlimited

## Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

# Stream Lines

*The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers*

February 2023



## ***Presidents Message***

*from Gary Lussier*

February Greetings to All!

I'm afraid I have to start off this month's newsletter with some very bad news. Long time TVTU member Jerry Gourd passed away unexpectedly on February 5. I had just been with him a few hours earlier at the CFFA banquet along with Charley and Pat, and so the news the next morning was a total shock. For those of you who didn't know Jerry, he had a quick and sharp sense of humor and could always keep you laughing with his constant wisecracks. Prior to moving to Hampton, Jerry previously held a number of TU positions including President of Mianus Chapter and Chair of CT Council. He will certainly be missed by his TVTU friends. We will share his obituary and other information about Jerry when it becomes available.

## **Chapter Events**

### **Upcoming Events**

You may have noticed that many TVTU events now have a click function to "register". By Buying registering (it is free), it helps to plan on how many folks will be attending. You do not need to print the ticket

### **Feb 21st meeting 2023 "Annual Flies and Pies"**

*Raffles, fly tying, displays and lots of pizza*  
click [here](#) to register

### **March 21st Presentation by Darby Hittle**

click [here](#) to register

**March 24,25 & 26th**  
Connecticut Fishing & Outdoor Show at Mohegan Sun

### **Event/Meeting Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather**

In the event that we need to cancel a scheduled meeting due to inclement weather, an announcement will be published on the



TVTU had a table at the CFFA show on February 4. Pat did an outstanding job as always with a great setup and nice layout of a variety of merchandise that attracted a good stream of people. Thanks to Ray and Pat for their early arrival, setup of the table and manning the display for the day.

Here's the two month warning that our annual meeting is coming up in April. That is where we hold elections for officers and board members. All officer positions will be up for grabs with the Vice President and Treasurer being vacant for over a year. President and Treasurer Positions are termed out. Anyone interested in running for one of these positions, please contact me or any board member for information or questions about the roles. The chapter needs some new blood, fresh energy and new ideas to keep us moving forward.

The February chapter meeting will be our annual Flies & Pies meeting. As of this writing, we have seven featured tiers who will be tying a specific fly for the evening.

We plan to set up the tying tables in a way to make it easier for you to sit down with the fly and tyer you are interested in to observe, ask questions or tie along. Tying will be featured from 6-7 and around 7 we'll bring out the pizza and also start a movie for anyone interested.

Hope to see a big turnout and please be sure to register [here](#) for the event so we can plan accordingly.

Tight Lines Gary

website (click [here](#)) by 4:00 PM on the day of the scheduled meeting or event. Additionally, it will be announced on WFSB (Channel 3) **WFSB**





## Thames Valley Trout Unlimited Monthly Meetings

Doors open at 6:00 PM for social hour and fly tying. Meeting gets underway at 7:00 PM.

### **Directions to the Franklin Firehouse:**

Our meeting location will be at the Franklin Firehouse on 5 Tyler Drive (just off Rt 32) in Franklin. The meeting entrance is on the left as you enter the facility. The Franklin Firehouse is located just north of Route 2 ,exit 27. Go 6 miles north on Rt 32 and Tyler Drive is on your right. [Google Map Link to Franklin Firehouse](#)

**We are always looking for fly tyers at our meetings.**

**If you would like to volunteer to tie flies, contact Ray Schaefer @ 860-617-9948 or [email](#).**

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## ***"Flies & Pies Night"***

**Our upcoming February 21st chapter meeting will be our annual Flies & Pies night.**

This year, we'd like to plan a little extra focus on the fly tying. We are asking our guest tiers to pick a specific fly for the evening and plan to focus on giving instructions to anybody who wants to learn to tie that fly or maybe learn a new twist or trick that might improve your own tying. Experienced or beginner tiers are all encouraged to sit down with our guest tiers and ask questions or tie alongside them. Feel free to bring along your vice and tools and even material if you want help with a specific fly. We'll have a few extra vices on hand if you don't have your own. We are looking for volunteer guest tiers who want to show and help others

with a special fly of their choice.

Please contact Ray Schaefer at [rayschaefer9060@gmail.com](mailto:rayschaefer9060@gmail.com) or (860) 617-9948 to sign up to be a guest tier.

John Preston will be tying the **Leisenring Spider** (Flymph style). He will provide materials and tools for those who want to learn by tying along with him.

He will also provide handouts on tying this style fly for anyone interested.

He will bring the TVTU tools & vises (but not the materials) if other featured tiers need them.

Steve Babbitt will be tying the **Zonker**.

Ray Schaefer will be tying a **Soft Hackle**.

Phil Sands will be tying a **Fox Squirrel Nymph**.

Bill Keister will be tying an **Egg Pattern**.

"Doc" Katz will be tying a **Instant Cell Adams**.

Steve Gerling will be tying some **Spinning Flies**.

Of course, we'll have plenty of pizza, soft drinks and coffee for the evening. We'll also have some short movie or videos to enjoy with your pizza. Please use our TU events tool (by clicking [here](#) ) to register so we can get a good idea of how much pizza to get.

To register, click [here](#)

## Example of the *Leisenring Spider*



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**"What's Going On"  
in the World of Trout Unlimited**



Connect with the TU community across the country at these local in-person and online events hosted by TU staff, state councils and local chapters. You'll find fun, engaging activities like tree plantings, trash cleanups, fishing trips, community science projects, youth education activities and veteran and first responder programs close to you. All TVTU events are scheduled on this webpage. Check it out at [TU Events!](#)

By **buying a ticket** for TVTU events (they are free), it helps the event planners know how many people to expect.



## Open Positions

**TVTU is in need of some volunteers to help keep the chapter active. We need volunteers for the following Board of Director positions:**

President – *The President shall serve as general executive officer of the Chapter and shall appoint the chairs of all Chapter committees. The President shall oversee all activities of the chapter, preside at all membership and board meetings, manage the business and affairs of the Chapter. The President may sign and execute in the name of the Chapter all contracts, agreements, and other obligations of the Chapter subject to approval of the Board. The President shall have general supervision of all the other officers of the Chapter and shall see that their duties are properly performed. The President shall report to the members of the Chapter and to the Board on matters which may be of interest or concern. The President shall receive and review all bank statements of Chapter accounts and shall pass them to the Treasurer after review.*

Vice-President - *The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to perform the President's duties. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors and the President.*

Secretary - *The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the membership, and is the custodian of all official records of the Chapter*

Program Director - *Coordinates monthly meetings including meeting speakers and other chapter activities.*

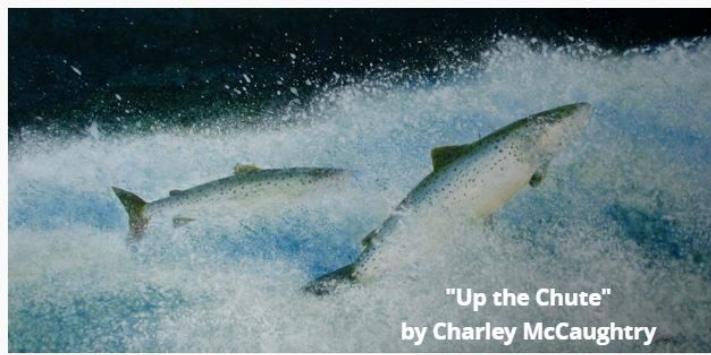
Fly Tying Coordinator- *Board of Directors membership is optional. Maintain the chapter fly tying class material and schedule fly tying classes. Also coordinates fly tyers for monthly chapter meetings.*

Please contact Gary Lussier at [gelconn@yahoo.com](mailto:gelconn@yahoo.com) or 860-861-9344 if you would like to help out the chapter and volunteer for these needed positions.

## A Call for Newsletter Content... Contribute to "Stream Lines"

Are you a budding photographer

or inspired writer? Are you interested in conservation and have news to share? We would like to include your work in Stream Lines, the TVTU newsletter. Don't be bashful, any and all related content will be considered, including, poems, stories, gear reviews, photographs, paintings, conservation news, fishing & tying tips, etc. Visit Charley McCaughtry's [website](#)



Our goal is to get the membership involved in the newsletter and provide an outlet for creativity and sharing information. We have some very talented members in our chapter and Stream Lines is a great way to share information, stories, and art work.

To submit content, please contact Bruce Danielson (Editor) [email](#)

## Donations Wanted



You can help our TU chapter by donating your unused fly fishing and fishing equipment including rods, reels, flies, books, fly tying and other reusable items. We will auction or raffle the items off and used the money raised to support our chapter's programs including conservation projects, stream clean up, stocking, TIC, speaker fees, and other operating expenses. Email [Pat Gaynor](#) or call **860-319-1690** if you have something to donate or bring the item(s) to the next chapter meeting.

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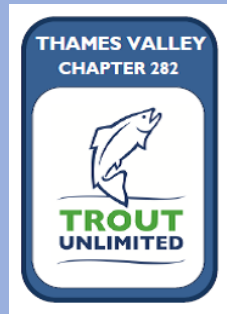
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#### TVTU Chapter's Mission

*To conserve, protect and restore Eastern Connecticut's trout and salmon and their watersheds.*

#### Our Vision

*By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.*

**Questions or comments on the Newsletter contact Editor [Bruce Danielson](#)**



### Place an Advertisement in "Stream Lines"

Looking to reach a new and diverse audience? Presently we have over 450 members in Eastern CT and the newsletter is published September through May (9 issues). If you have a service or product and would like to reach out to our outdoor and conservation minded readership, consider placing an advertisement in the chapter's newsletter "Stream Lines" and website. The cost is only \$50 for the entire year (9 Issues).

For more information and to place an ad, contact [Daniel King](#).

**Thanks for your support!**

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